

SENATE BILL 3520

By Herron

AN ACT to name a bridge spanning Cane Creek on State Route 438 in Perry County in honor of the late Johnson E. Doyle.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary citizens who contributed significantly to the moral and social fabric of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Johnson E. Doyle, who rendered nearly thirty years of devoted service to the Perry County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, a native of Perry County, Johnson E. Doyle was raised by his parents, Jeff and Jennie Johnson Doyle, with seven siblings on the north side of Cane Creek; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure with the Perry County Highway Department, Mr. Doyle operated a road grader, helping to build and maintain roads and bridges; he worked on the majority of Perry County roads at one time or another during his career; and

WHEREAS, no one ever put more of his life into Perry County's roads and bridges than Mr. Doyle, as he demonstrated his love for his job on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Perry County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a certain bridge in his childhood community to honor Mr. Doyle's memory and to permanently commemorate his life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Cane Creek on State Route 438 in Perry County is hereby designated the "Johnson

E. Doyle Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished human being who was much beloved by his family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Johnson E. Doyle Memorial Bridge" .

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.